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## New Poster Designed for Middle School Students

Enclosed with this edition of the *Counselor Connection* is a poster to remind middle school students that it's not too early to start preparing for college by studying and making good grades.



Please display this poster prominently in your school. If you'd like additional copies, you can contact Hilda Long at the address or phone number at the top of the page.

## Announcing



Go Higher Kentucky, a central point of contact for all information about postsecondary education in the state, is expected to go live this summer.

This online resource will serve students from middle school through college, parents, adults wanting to return to school, and middle and high school counselors. It includes modules about financial aid, online applications, career exploration, selecting a campus, and other college and career planning needs. There is a section dedicated to counselors. It says "high school counselors," but it can be used by middle school counselors too.

If you want to find out what Go Higher Kentucky is all about, you can go to the test site at <http://beta.gohigherky.org>. We value your suggestions, so please let us know what you think of Go Higher. Please send comments or concerns to Dave Wellman at [dwellman@kheaa.com](mailto:dwellman@kheaa.com).

### Just a Reminder

If you haven't sent your e-mail address  
to Tim Ballard, please do so.  
You can e-mail it to him at [tballard@kheaa.com](mailto:tballard@kheaa.com).

## Preparation for College Begins Early



KENTUCKY  
Education Savings Plan Trust

Parents and grandparents of middle schoolers should check into starting a Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust account for their college-bound students. Trust accounts can be used to help pay college expenses, and proceeds used for that purpose are exempt from state and federal taxes. Deposits can be as little as \$15 if made through payroll deduction. For

more information, parents should visit [www.kysaves.com](http://www.kysaves.com) or call 1-877-KYTRUST. Enclosed with this issue of the *Counselor Connection* is a Trust brochure. Additional copies can be obtained by calling 1.800.928.8926, extension 7381.

KHEAA and The Student Loan People<sup>sm</sup> publish the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Please send them to [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com).

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The Student Loan People and KHEAA have expanded their outreach efforts with the addition of six new employees and the division of the state into nine outreach areas. The new employees are Christine Dressler, Leigh Webster, Edna McDonald, Timothy Ring, April Graham and Kim Baldwin. In addition, Doug Cook has replaced Johnny McDougal, who retired. The new staff join Mike Pennington and Paula Townsend as area coordinators. Mark Hoover remains as the HELP Center coordinator and Geri Johnson as coordinator of the HOPE program. The area coordinators and their counties are shown below.

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